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In the application of:

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SINGLE-CHAIN BIFUNCTIONAL **GLYCOPROTEIN HORMONES**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Examiner: L. Spector

Group Art Unit: 1646

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 28 September 1998 requiring election of invention. Time for response was set to expire 28 October 1998.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-9 and 11-17, drawn to fusion proteins and related recombinant materials.

The invention of Group II, claim 10, drawn to antibodies, will be canceled upon indication of allowable subject matter herein.

Examination on the merits is now requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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